

SENATOR ASHFORD: I passed around to each of you a copy of statute number 28-347. And 28-347 is the current law on the notice to minors. The law, to give you a brief history, that particular law was passed in 1981. There was a federal court case on it. Judge Urbom enjoined the law in 1983, I believe. Subsequent to that time, and I passed around the decision that Judge Urbom rendered in 1983. But you can read that and I passed that out because some of the concerns Judge Urbom raised in his decision are some of the concerns that I plan to raise on Select File with some additional amendments. Essentially what happened, of course, as you all know is the Eighth Circuit, in the Minnesota case, found the parental notification law to be constitutional. And if you read 28-347 I think you will...could I get a gavel, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) You certainly may, sir, and please, let's hold it down. (Gavel.) Ladies and gentlemen, please let's hold it down. The combination of all you speaking does make it very noisy and distracting for those trying to discuss things on the floor. Thank you, Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. President. If you read 28-347 I think you will see that 28-347, which is now existing law, is significantly similar to LB 769. There are obviously some differences, and we can talk about those differences, I believe, that Senator Lindsay has a motion to repeal this, I believe, or an amendment to repeal this statute. But I think if you read it, you'll find it's a pretty tight law, in fact it's less restrictive in many areas. And, in my opinion, it, quite frankly, is a better piece of legislation than what we are doing in 769. I'm sure Senator Lindsay will maybe talk to the issue of why we didn't just take that law and put amendments on it, rather than bring in a whole new statute, because I think it would have been a lot cleaner, a lot easier, and we'd probably be past this issue by now. So I'm bringing this to the body's attention, and also for a couple of reasons. One, so that you can familiarize yourself with it so when Senator Lindsay brings his amendment up you can...we can deal with it. But secondarily, if you look in paragraph one, you'll note that the law requires only the notification of one parent and not two. My amendment, a copy of which has been passed around to you, is that, in fact, is that amendment, consistent with current law. Now this is current law. This is law which is enforceable. This is enforceable law, the County Attorney of Lancaster County could enforce this statute today. The fact that it was enjoined